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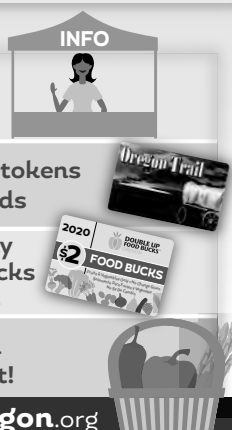
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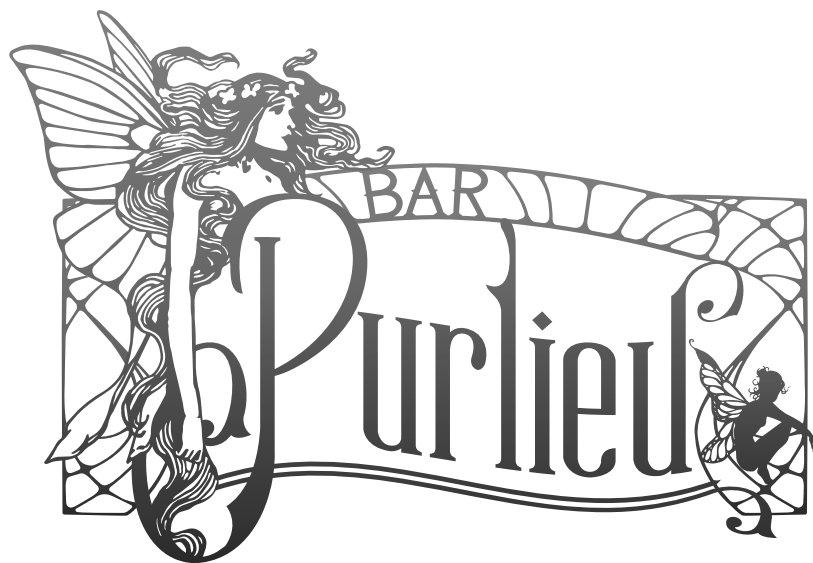
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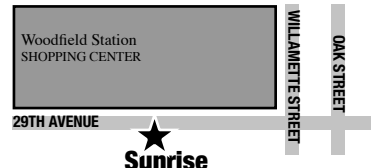


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letters

TRUMP IS JUST A SYMPTOM OF THE ROT

To *Eugene Weekly's* Henry Houston and all the others who have Trump buyer's remorse ("Leaving the Circus Tent," 8-13): President Donald Trump is not the whole problem. He's just the facade for the conservative party turned white supremacist fascist clan. Good people on both sides? Asylum seekers are dangerous hordes, etc.?

I think we know by now what the undocumented conversations between Trump, Republican leaders and Putin consist of. Just look at what has transpired and the state of our country. We're being played by not an evil genius but by just Evil. Trump and his fellow criminals here and abroad know exactly what they're doing.

Trump has exposed our rule of law as a joke; can *you* defy a subpoena? The Democrats rightly impeached him. They did their job. It is way past time to stop apologizing and opining about this "aberration" and throw him and the criminal element in the Republican party out!

Let's get our two parties back and fight for free and fair elections. This is not Russia.

Just think, if Barack Obama received the Nobel peace prize after W. put America in the ditch, can you imagine what the world will bestow on Biden?

Annie Kayner
Eugene

EW reporter Henry Houston replies: "You can't have buyer's remorse for something you didn't buy."

WOW US WITH NEW LEADERS

Over my many years of organizing, observing and participating in elections as an officer for political committees and a board member of numerous non-profits, I have never seen such outrageous election interference as occurred prior to and during the Aug. 9 CCPA/WOW Hall annual membership meeting to elect a new board.

This interference was done by two WOW Hall staffers who have a financial stake in the outcome of the election! In any competent organization, these staffers would have been precluded from any role in the election process due to their clear conflict of interest.

The interference included withholding of legible or complete membership lists despite repeated requests from a current board member, disruption of EZVote testing prior to the election, outright lying about staffers' preparation for the vote, qualifying people to vote who were not on the membership list and election day tactics that effectively precluded a vote. There were constant interruptions, emotional outburst and talking over time limits by those staffers and others clearly hostile to a fair election as previously agreed between the current board and the Friends of WOW Hall.

This outrageous election interference is an urgent reason why the current board needs to be replaced with competent members dedicated to the preservation of the WOW Hall for use by the community at large. To help achieve this goal, please visit FriendsOfWOW-Hall.org and vote for new board members at the next election.

Trisha Driscoll
Friends of WOW Hall
Eugene

VOTE EARLY TO BE COUNTED

Again, President Donald Trump is traitorously sabotaging the American Constitution. This time, the destruction extends into the U.S. Postal Service and onto Eugene's streets (reportedly 27 post boxes removed). He's disabling the mail to suppress the vote.

We the people can stop this attempted voter suppression in Oregon, America's first state instituting universal vote by mail. How? Vote and vote early. Remind family and friends to vote.

Ballots are sent out Oct. 15. A list of Lane County's ballot drop boxes is enclosed. Vote and return your signed ballot immediately or, at least, early. You also can mail your ballot in USPS mailboxes (leave one week minimum) or drop it at Lane County Elections, 275 W. 10th Ave.

Military and other overseas citizen residents must apply ASAP for absentee ballots. They're sent 45 days before the election.

Ballots must be returned by 8 pm Nov. 3; postmark date is meaningless. To check your ballot status online, search "My Vote Oregon."

Questions? Disabled voter who'd benefit from accommodation? Call Lane County Elections 541-682-4234.

David Atman
Eugene

GOP WANTS TO CUT TAXES AGAIN

So the Republicans want to cut the capital gains tax some more. They want to index things for inflation. For example, if the CPI has increased 10 percent since they bought the property, and they made a profit of 25 percent, then they only want to pay tax on 15 percent gain. They say, investors shouldn't have to pay tax on inflation.

But they don't have a problem keeping the whole 25 percent capital gain, which was all from inflation. That is the definition of inflation. All capital gains are unearned. We're not talking about earnings or profits from doing something useful — those are taxed at normal rates.

Taxes on capital gains should be higher than taxes on earned income, not lower. In my opinion, investors shouldn't even be allowed to take any gains or profits from residential property.

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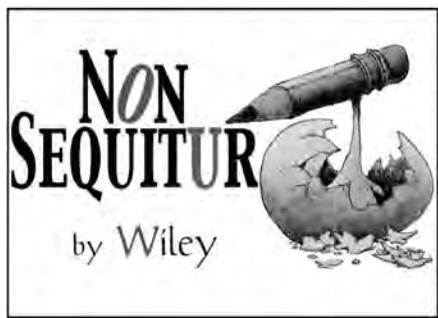


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America at a Crossroads

DEMOCRACY FACES ITS GREATEST CRISIS EVER
UNDER THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

One has to wonder if Americans will care enough about our democracy and freedom to soon rouse themselves with the energy to defend the more than two centuries of heritage that our prior generations have handed over to us. Our future depends on our being up to the task. For almost four years now we have collectively and passively assented to steady and incremental iconoclastic destruction of our democratic principles and institutions by an administration that is openly hostile to our nation's foundations. From the first day in power, every action taken has had the purpose of subordinating all of the traditional mechanisms of government to the iron fist of authoritarianism under an all-powerful executive branch headed by a de facto dictator.

In his first few months, the president vociferously maligned the First Amendment's freedom of speech protections and explored potential ways to abolish or lessen the Constitutional protections for a free press. He also expressed disdain for the Constitutional framework of co-equal branches of government, declaring the document archaic and obsolete — an obstacle to his agenda.

While continuing his campaign against a free press and any Constitutional restraints on his authority, the president next turned his attention to destroying the most basic and cherished civil liberties the people enjoy which are designed to protect them from the excesses of totalitarianism. Thus he embarked on a trend which found him praising a ruthless dictator for employing vigilante death squads to murder suspected drug dealers and users without any process such as hearings or trials, and encouraging our nation's police officers to use excessive and unlawful force in making arrests of suspects. He attacked members of the judiciary if they ruled against him in litigation. In a wholly unprecedented effort to undermine our jury system, he even placed the foreperson of a jury in peril by criticizing her for presiding over deliberations that culminated in a guilty verdict against one of his friends and political allies.

As to the separation of powers doctrine, the president simply ignored it when he transferred funds Congress had appropriated for a specific purpose and allocated those funds to a wholly different project that Congress had refused to fund: the wall. The Senate capitulated, and meekly surrendered one of its foremost responsibilities under the Constitution — funding the government and its programs.

While on the subject of appropriations, we must not forget another abdication of the Senate's checks and balance role. That's when it acquiesced in Trump's conditioning of congressionally funded military aid to a foreign government on that government doing him the "personal favor" of announcing a criminal investigation against a domestic political opponent in the forthcoming election.

On our southern borders, Trump flouted the Constitution, international law and basic human rights as defined by the Geneva Convention by separating children, toddlers included, from their refugee parents and placing them in crowded cages. This while deporting their parents without them or creating records to facilitate their prospects of ever being reunited.

Despite having an attorney general willing to cooperate in such depravity, Trump searched for one who would go even further and dismantle the rule of law which is the bedrock of all democracies.

With William Barr's installation as the head of the Department of Justice, Trump has achieved his goal of a servant to oversee a dictatorial ministry of a facade of justice — one which would protect the president and his allies and punish his opponents.

And so the nation has been treated to the debacles of the Michael Flynn and Roger Stone cases, which have heralded the new era of a double standard and transparently corrupt system of justice. Despite almost comical efforts by Barr to deny any improper influence from Trump, several thousand former career DOJ attorneys have strenuously objected to this staggering implosion of a traditional independent institution dedicated to the impartial application of the law equally to everyone.

Barr has also proved a willing accomplice of Trump's in deploying paramilitary forces against the American people to crush protests against the threat of a police state as the substitute for Democracy. The Black Lives Matter movement is directly related to the erosion of the rule of law and the disparate treatment

of African Americans in our criminal justice system. The president's express encouragement of the use of excessive force by police has fallen hardest on the Black population.

The George Floyd killing triggered the inevitable backlash, but both Trump and his AG deny there is even a problem, only a "misconception" by the victims. Where do we expect people to go to obtain justice, if not the streets, when we close the courthouse doors to them by pretending there is no systemic problem

discrimination?

The final and most dramatic blow to democracy is being delivered as we rapidly approach the 2020 elections. We are scourged by a pandemic — a scourge that has been exacerbated by an intentional "it is what it is" do-nothing disappearing act by the administration — and the government is partnering with the COVID outbreak to effectively deny the people their right to vote.

Voting is the heart and soul of democracy. Yet, enabled by a Republican majority on the Supreme Court, the Republican Party has been strategically laboring to suppress voting in Democrat geographic areas for years through gerrymandering, closing polling stations, requiring stricter IDs as well as other tactics resurrected. This was after the Supreme Court crippled the Voting Rights Act and declared certain forms of cheating (gerrymandering) non-justiciable.

We are now at the mother lode of the American political system — the election for the presidency — and find ourselves with an incumbent who doesn't believe in elections, democracy, the Constitution, the rule of law or a government whose purpose is to serve the people. And so he has crippled the United States Postal Service in an attempt to kill the option of voting by mail and forcibly place voters at risk of COVID by queuing up in long lines at crowded polling stations if they wish to exercise their sacred right of participating in democracy.

This is the crossroads at which America has arrived. At this juncture, there can no longer be any doubt. In a little less than four years, Trump has literally attacked every vestige of democracy, freedom, civil rights, rule of law and constitutional prescription for government there is. There is nothing he hasn't attacked. We are even at the precipice of losing our right to vote. This is surely the ultimate betrayal, the Judas kiss on the cheek by one who is supposedly sworn to defend us from just such a fate.

Thomas Coffin is a retired U.S. Magistrate Judge. He served 24 years in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, from 1992 to 2016.

Live Free or Die Tryin'

LIBERTARIAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JO JORGENSEN WANTS TO FREE AMERICANS FROM GOVERNMENT

By Henry Houston

The Republican Party loves spending money just as much as Democrats. That's what Libertarian Party presidential nominee Jo Jorgensen tells *Eugene Weekly* in an email. Jorgensen says the current Republican Party is unrecognizable as the conservative political movement led by Barry Goldwater, William F. Buckley and Ronald Reagan. The Trump administration is responsible for even more out-of-control spending than the Obama administration, she adds.

"Republicans don't have to settle for a Republican in name only, and they don't have to hold their noses and vote for a Democrat, either," she says. "I am happy to provide a fiscally responsible, small-government option to these disaffected voters."

Jorgensen says she would empower individuals by having the federal government step aside, and only Washington insiders would feel the shock of libertarian values.

She says she wants to bring conservative values to the White House — like minimal government, natural rights and personal liberty. Although the 2020 presidential election will most likely end with either Donald Trump or Joe Biden in the White House, Jorgensen tells *EW* how she would lead the U.S. with a libertarian ideology as the country continues to deal with a pandemic and how to tackle the existential crisis of climate change. In addition to her platform, Jorgensen would bring in the U.S.'s first-ever "brony" vice president.

"In this time of uncertainty, Americans don't need nor want someone to rule over them," Jorgensen says.

Jorgensen says Democrats and Republicans often compromise by increasing domestic and military spending.

"The other two sides have shown that they can work together to expand government," she says. "I will demand that they work together to shrink government. Otherwise my veto pen is going to need extra ink."



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With the U.S. in the midst of a pandemic-induced economic recession, the majority of Americans support federal assistance, according to a July poll conducted by Reuters/Ipsos. About three in four Americans say the government should provide stimulus checks to offset the COVID-19-related economic crisis.

Jorgensen says she wasn't impressed with Congress's CARES Act or other bailout bills, since it's filled with "waste and gave billions in corporate handouts."

"While some Americans received a \$1,200 check and additional unemployment benefits, about 90 percent of that spending went to government cronies and special interests," she says.

The easier solution is to eliminate taxes permanently, she says. She'd do that by suspending IRS tax collections during the pandemic, although her ultimate goal is abolishing the tax agency.

And Jorgensen says she would remove the FDA's efficacy requirement, a policy that was created in a 1962 amendment to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. It requires manufacturers to demonstrate whether their products are effective. In June, the FDA lowered the efficacy rate for COVID-19 vaccines and treatments to 50 percent of the people in the study.

But Jorgensen would also want to get rid of the FDA.

Eliminating the agency would help patients get new medications and procedures and make more over-the-counter drugs more available, she says.

In 2016, part of Trump's allure to voters was that he was going to walk into the White House and run the federal government as if it were one of his (failed) businesses.

Jorgensen says she doesn't think any one person should run the U.S. at all. If she were elected, she says she'd work with individuals and communities to allow them to determine how to run their lives.

"In any other business, the gross ineptitude of the federal government to deliver for its shareholders would have led to a radical reduction in its size and scope," she says. "And that's what I'm promising to voters."

One of the largest issues that any president will face is climate change, especially since the United Nations said in March that the world is way off track for its 1.5°C or 2°C targets. To curb the U.S.'s greenhouse gas emissions, Jorgensen says she would remove government subsidies for fossil fuel companies.

"The federal government gives about \$15 billion annually to oil and coal companies," she says. "This is nothing but corporate welfare: taking from the poor and giving to the wealthy."

She adds that bureaucratic red tape prevents cleaner and sustainable energy from entering the market, using nuclear power as an example. She says she would work with Congress to end energy subsidies to level the playing field and reduce regulations that prevent competition and preserve dirty energy.

The 2020 election could result in some firsts for vice president diversity. Sen. Kamala Harris could be the first Black and Indian descent woman and the Green Party's Angela Walker could be the first Black woman as vice president.

Jorgensen's running mate, Jeremy "Spike" Cohen could be the first "brony," a name for adult fans of the cartoon *My Little Pony*. Cohen's nickname comes from a main character from the 1980s cartoon. The cartoon is still popular today (thanks in part to a reboot), so *EW* asked Cohen whether he is a "brony," a name for male fans.

Cohen says many consider him to be the "original brony," though he hasn't kept up with the *My Little Pony* universe. "But I have been told that, 'once a brony, always a brony,'" he adds. "Brony in, brony out, as it were." ■

Libertarian Party vice president candidate Jeremy "Spike" Cohen and Eugene mayoral candidate Isiah Wagoner will speak at Alton Baker Park Saturday, Sept. 5. Visit Jo20.com for updates on the event.

slant

• That deep quiet you may have felt around the world on Monday morning,

Aug. 24, was **the sound of Zoom collapsing**. Yes, the irritating online meeting venue that holds us all in its jerky grip went down everywhere for up to three merciful hours, giving remote workers and students around the globe a happy hiatus from postage stamp video windows, electronically lagged voices and the uncomfortable realization that your boss is working in their underwear. We'd like to propose a weekly Zoom holiday, which would give people the chance to do actual work now and then without help from Big Brother.

• David Piercy knows plenty about how Eugene is governed. That's why we took special note of his letter to *The Register-Guard* — published twice, incidentally, on Aug. 17 and 18. A retired educator and spouse of popular former mayor Kitty Piercy, he suggests **convening a charter review committee that would consider an elected mayor with executive power and a city council with governing authority**. Piercy

says this would give us the form of government we need "to be responsive to the quickly changing world around us." We have long wanted to examine Eugene's form of government. It sounds like now's the time.

• **Was that SNL or RNC that we've been watching all week?** You tell us.

• **Oregon has an exciting new political leader** who's already on the front page of *The New York Times* (Aug. 24). Mike Schmidt took office Aug. 1 as district attorney in Multnomah County after beating an experienced federal prosecutor. The 39-year-old DA immediately dismissed charges against more than half of about 600 people arrested since the Portland protests started at the end of May, the *Times* reports. Schmidt sounds like our kind of guy. Stay tuned.

• Bundled inside the mega corporation that is the University of Oregon are students who don't always practice social distancing and faculty who beg the students to be adults, not to mention administrators and classified employees who are clutching to their jobs.

It has not been a good mix so far in schools across the U.S. with COVID-19. **On Aug. 26, President Michael Schill announced that the UO has pulled the plug on most in-person teaching and will go online except for specific lab and studio instruction.** The Board of Trustees meets Aug. 27 to approve the plan. With classes set to start on Sept. 29, the decision comes late in the game, and already tempers are flaring. This will be a mess, especially for the more than 2,000 people who are employed by the UO, the largest employer in Lane County. We feel for the classified workers under the SEIU Local 503 umbrella, the backbone of the UO and other state universities. We also hope no one blames the students who are being their authentic selves. After all, how many alleged adults have treated COVID-19 seriously?

• **What we're reading:** *Merge Left* by Ian Haney Lopez, a law professor at the University of California, Berkeley. He goes in the same directions as Isabel Wilkerson in her heralded *Caste*, talking about race and class. His subtitle is "Winning Elections, and Saving America." We'll take that optimism right now!



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Another Oregon First

WITH A MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT, OREGON COULD BECOME FIRST STATE IN THE NATION TO DECRIMINALIZE DRUGS

By Joey Cappelletti

Come November, Oregon voters will have the opportunity to decriminalize drug use, a move that the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission says will lower racial disparities for drug arrests by 95 percent. The move would make Oregon the first state in the U.S. to decriminalize all drugs.

Ballot Measure 110, also known as the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act, would reduce possession of drugs such as heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction and \$100 fine. This measure doesn't legalize any drugs, and larger offenses such as the manufacturing or distributing of drugs would still receive criminal penalties.

Historically, racial and ethnic minority groups have been disproportionately burdened by convictions for possessing controlled substances. Data collected by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shows that while

Black people make up 1.9 percent of Oregon's population, they received 4.7 percent of all misdemeanors and felonies for possessing controlled substances.

If Measure 110 were to pass, both Black and Native American convictions would decrease by an estimated 94 percent and would instead be considered civil infractions, proponents say.

Anthony Johnson, the chief petitioner and supporter of the measure, says savings from the reduction in arrests and convictions would go toward funding the bill. Johnson was also the chief petitioner and director of the Measure 91 campaign that legalized cannabis in Oregon in 2015.

"Excess marijuana tax revenue above \$45 million goes into a fund along with the savings that the state will experience from no longer arresting, prosecuting and jailing people for drug offenses. That fund will then fund drug treatment and recovery services including transitional housing and job training and placement," Johnson says.

Johnson also says this fund will be dispersed by a committee composed of drug addiction experts, researchers and people who have personally recovered from drug addiction.

One such program that could benefit from this increased funding is Eugene's White Bird Clinic, in addition to its CAHOOTS program. CAHOOTS is a community-based public safety system that sends medics and mental health workers to crises involving mental illness, homelessness and addiction. CAHOOTS takes about 20 percent of all 911 calls in Eugene and has gained national attention as a police alternative.

White Bird Clinic's Larry Weinerman says the initiative is the first step in treating drug addiction as a mental health issue instead of a legal issue. Unlike misdemeanors, civil infractions don't show up on your criminal record. Weinerman is the director of White Bird's Chrysalis Behavioral Health unit that works to help adults who need alcohol or drug abuse treatment as well as mental health services.

"We have a lot of people that come to treatment that don't want anyone to know they are in treatment. They don't want their employer to know, or sometimes even their spouse to know," Weinerman says. "It's going to take years to reframe substance abuse from a legal moral failing into something different. The sooner we can start, the better off we will be." ■

Banned Media

ANARCHIST AND ANTIFACIST MEDIA GROUPS ARE BEING TAKEN DOWN BY FACEBOOK

By Taylor Perse

Social media platforms are finally taking a step to fact check posts and remove pages that promote violence or white supremacy. But their guidelines for controlling content are blurred, and independent media is caught in the political crossfire.

Facebook is cracking down on right-wing conspiracy groups such as QAnon. The social media company is also removing leftist independent media outlets too, especially those who consider themselves anarchists or report on antifa. In response, an Oregon-based independent publisher, CrimethInc., and dozens of other platforms are now speaking out about the company's lack of transparency and guidelines when it comes to removing pages.

Shane Burley is an Portland-based author and expert on anti-facist movements. He says this is likely happening because the Republican Party has moved further right. When Facebook silences QAnon groups, it also silences some Republicans. He explains that targeting anarchist and antifa media groups is their way of bringing balance.

"In targeting conservatives they have to give something. Antifa has been a known bohemian, so that's an easy target for them," Burley says. He adds the part that worries him is that anything that borders ethical boundaries or illegality are often labeled antifa, whether or not it's true.

And drawing the line between who is and isn't a journalist is becoming increasingly difficult in the rise of citizen journalists. Burley says there are many people covering

the Portland protests; the police justify targeting them because they are not real journalists.

"They aren't seen as being legitimate press. But they are doing major documentation for big press," he says. "Anyone has access to the same technology and platform as the major press does."

'ANARCHISTS AND ANTIFA ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE MURDER OF PEOPLE. THAT IS NOT ANTIFA OR ANARCHISTS. WHY WOULD WE NOT BE ABLE TO USE A CORPORATE MEDIA PLATFORM LIKE ANYONE ELSE?'

— Scott Crow, Agency spokesperson

CrimethInc. has been around since the mid 1990s, reporting on anarchy and antifa news. Burley describes it as being a part of the century-old idea of a leftist political paper. It's Going Down, a national group and publication with thousands of readers, was also among the independent media sites removed. The statement from Facebook alleges that the organizations are "tied to violence" or "have individual followers with patterns of violent behavior."

It's Going Down spokesperson Mike Andrews says Facebook is trying to deal with the reality of violence and

rebellion and figure out where it comes from.

"Autonomous groups are not going out and killing people; they are trying to organize people," Andrews says. He adds that their analysis is that Facebook itself doesn't necessarily care as much, but that lobbyists in Washington D.C. advocated for some "equality" in taking off groups from both sides of the political spectrum so that independent media organizations had to take the fall.

"It shows that they were basically handed a list of groups they wanted taken off," he says.

In order to justify removing groups from Facebook, the media giant reworked their terms of service in a way that Andrews says "is basically a way to kick anyone out." Agency is a group that promotes contemporary anarchist discussions and perspectives. Its spokesperson, Scott Crow, says it's difficult to mitigate or effect change for the attack on these groups because there is no way to

know Facebook's procedures for taking the groups down.

He says that the whole situation is agenda-driven, but not transparent. Unlike the government or other public entities, Facebook isn't required to produce records about its procedures. And there is a misunderstanding of what these groups advocate or organize for.

"Anarchists and antifa are not talking about the murder of people," Crow says. "That is not antifa or anarchists. Why would we not be able to use a corporate media platform like anyone else?" ■

NEWS

WE MISSED WHILE OBSESSING OVER THE PANDEMIC

JUST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T SEE IT ON FACEBOOK DOESN'T MEAN IT'S NOT HAPPENING | **BOB KEEFER**

Here at *Eugene Weekly* we freely confess we've been obsessing over the pandemic and the Black Lives Matter protests for the past few decades years months. Believe it or not, though, we recognize that other interesting events, large and small, have been taking place around our community, whether or not they've been written about in the media.

We thought we'd take this opportunity to look at just a few of the stories the world may have overlooked while we were all stuck in our Zoom meetings, Googling "home remedies for tear gas" and placing online orders on Alibaba for guaranteed all-American N-95 masks.

Running Through Grief



EUGENE'S EMILY HALNON NOW HOLDS FASTEST KNOWN TIME FOR OREGON PORTION OF PCT AFTER RUNNING IT IN HER MOTHER'S MEMORY | **BY HENRY HOUSTON**

Hiking any portion of the Pacific Crest Trail takes a large amount of willpower. But running it? That takes superhero levels of strength, which Emily Halnon of Eugene displayed Aug. 8 when she completed the overall fastest known record for the Oregon portion of PCT, a 455-mile stretch of the 2,650-mile trail with an elevation gain and loss of about 120,000 feet.

Supported by her boyfriend, friends and dog, she ran through the state in seven days, 19 hours and 23 minutes. She ran the trail in memory of her mother, who died from a rare uterine cancer in January, and raised \$32,402 for the Brave Like Gabe Foundation, a rare cancer research group.

Halnon says she had run five 100-milers in the past, as well as 100km races. She had been thinking about running the section of the PCT, but when her mom died in January, that's when she decided to commit "1,000 percent."

On July 26, she created a GoFundMe, raising money for Brave Like Gabe Foundation, an organization that supports rare cancer research and empowers cancer survivors through physical activity. The professional runner Gabe Grunwald founded it as she battled a rare cancer, one she ultimately died of in June 2019.

Halnon wrote on her GoFundMe post that the Brave Like Gabe Foundation honors Grunwald's legacy of "spreading hope and empowering people to stay active through their hardest struggles — something my mom did with inspiring dedication."

From the start of Halnon's plan to run the Oregon section of the PCT, she says she aimed for the fastest known time. At first, she planned on the women's FKT. But after she drew out the plan for her run, she says she thought why not go for the overall time.

Running for several days nearly nonstop, Halnon experienced dance parties, friends cheering and thoughts of putting one foot in front of the other.

But she also thought about her mom a lot. She says she remembered how her mom had a

goal to run in every single county of Vermont (where she lived), and when it came to the last county on her list, she brought two left-foot running shoes — but ran anyway. And how they both had fears of reptiles, which Halnon thought about as she ran through rattlesnake territory of southern Oregon.

Getting through those hundreds of miles got rough physically. She says her second and sixth days were the toughest on the trail.

Because Halnon was aiming for a FKT pace, she says she had to cover 130 miles in two days. So on day two, she ran 70 miles — which according to data from her Strava account meant she was moving for 18 hours and 47 minutes.

"I remember hitting the 100-mile mark," she says. "Thinking I still had another 30 miles for the day and another six days of monster miles was a lot for me to mentally process."

But day six might have been harder physically. Not only did it have the toughest terrain, including lava rock and river crossings, she did it all underdressed for stormy weather — and was almost blown over by the wind.

"I think there was a 30-mile stretch where the weather was at its worst," she says. "We were stuck with what we were wearing, which wasn't enough, so being hopelessly cold and pummeled by storms for 11 hours."

On the last day of her run, Halnon says she decided to spread the word on social media that she was going for the overall FKT as a way to get more donations in. As Halnon pounded away on the final miles of her journey through Oregon, finishing up at the Bridge of the Gods across the Columbia River, she says a lot was going through her mind.

She thought about the increase of donations to her GoFundMe, which doubled from about \$14,000 to nearly \$30,000. She thought about her friends at the finishing line. She thought about how she had done something so extraordinary but couldn't call her mom to talk about it.

And, of course, she says there was a relief that she didn't have to run anymore. ■

Halnon's GoFundMe is still taking donations to benefit the Brave Like Gabe Foundation.

PHOTO COURTESY EMILY HALNON

Comics for All

INCLUSIVE COMICS SHOP OPENS IN DOWNTOWN EUGENE | BY WILL KENNEDY

The comic book market is changing, says Andrea Gilroy, owner and operator of Books with Pictures, which opened in early March in downtown Eugene. It's a sister store to a Portland comic shop of the same name.

What's changed, Gilroy says, is inclusion. Although sales of traditional comics have slumped — think Spidey and X-Men — the overall market has grown, driven primarily by graphic novels, which are more diverse in terms of gender and sexual identity.

That diversity is what Books with Pictures is all about, she says.

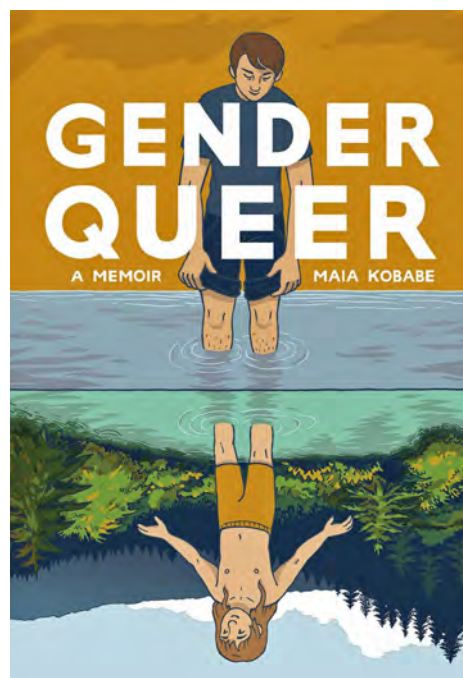
"We carry all the cool stuff," says Gilroy, who graduated

from the University of Oregon in 2015 with a degree in comparative literature and a dissertation focused on comics and identity.

That includes superhero comics and more, she says. "We want to pay special attention to folks who often feel uncomfortable in more traditional geek and nerd spaces, especially women, LGBTQ folks and kids.

"I curate the stock to reflect that everyone is welcome and deserves to see themselves in stories," Gilroy adds. "We are very intentional and explicit in this inclusive message, because enough folks have been damaged by the more toxic elements of gatekeeping. I don't think just being passively inclusive is good enough anymore."

Bestsellers at the store since opening reflect diversity. There are usual suspects, like *Batman*, but also Dana Simpson's fantastic series *Phoebe and Her Unicorn*, John Lewis' graphic novel memoir *March* and The Adventure Zone series.



"But our single bestselling book is Maia Kobabe's fantastic memoir *Gender Queer*," Gilroy says.

Opening any kind of business during a pandemic is challenging, but her store is a COVID success story, Gilroy says. The store pivoted quickly to online sales, with curbside pickup and delivery for local customers.

"Slowly but surely we've actually managed to grow," Gilroy says. "I'm truly honored and humbled by that."

She's also looking forward to when Books with Pictures can safely become a supportive space for Eugene's DIY comic and graphic novel scene.

"We absolutely want to hold drawing nights and be a place for local artists and writers to meet,

work together and encourage each other," Gilroy says. ■

Books with Pictures is at 99 West Broadway. Hours during the pandemic are noon to 3 pm Sunday; noon to 5 pm Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; and noon to 7 pm Wednesday and Friday. For more information see Books with Pictures Eugene on Facebook.

Day Tripper

OREGONIANS HAVE GATHERED ENOUGH SIGNATURES TO GET A PSILOCYBIN THERAPY MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT | BY TAYLOR GRIGGS

Forget the stigma: Psychedelics aren't just for the Merry Pranksters anymore. This fall, with the Oregon Psilocybin Services Act, Oregonians can vote to approve psilocybin — the "magic" part of psychedelic mushrooms — for therapeutic use.

Tom and Sheri Eckert are the chief petitioners of Initiative Petition 34, as it was known during the signature-gathering phase. The Eckerts, Beaverton-based counselors who have long been advocates for psilocybin therapy, filed the petition to get this on the ballot in 2019.

Between November 2019 and July 2020, campaigners collected more than 132,000 verified signatures from people across the state, well more than the 112,020

necessary to qualify for the state ballot. Now that it has qualified, its title has changed from IP 34 to Measure 109, which is how it will appear on the ballot.

Stephanie Head is a volunteer based in the Eugene-Springfield area who helped gather signatures for the campaign. Head says that she was inspired to help after hearing the research behind how psilocybin can help someone struggling with treatment-resistant depression. She said this research corroborated her own experience with it, calling it "life-changing."

A study published in the journal *European Neuropsychopharmacology* in April said that a single dose of psilocybin can be associated with "long-term

increased mindfulness" due to changes in one of the brain's serotonin receptors.

You're not going to find any shroom dispensaries, though; proponents of this measure want to make it clear that legalizing psilocybin for therapeutic use would not be like legalizing recreational marijuana, and there would be a two-year waiting period to figure out therapist licensing and other rules before the public can participate.

This measure also doesn't call for decriminalizing the drug, but it will be on the ballot alongside Measure 110, which supports decriminalizing all drug possession, including psilocybin.

Head says the volunteer team had to work extra hard to get the required support to get the initiative on the ballot since they couldn't campaign in person during the COVID-19 pandemic. She encourages interested voters to donate to the campaign and have conversations with friends and family.

"Some people really have it ingrained that this is a party drug," she says. "I really encourage people to look at some of the research on how this can really help people." ■

TRIPLE P: THE POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

Top 10 Tips For Parents

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Give your child lots of physical affection - children often like hugs, cuddles, and holding hands.



Learn more and sign up at LaneTripleP.org

Triple P Online is free for families with OHP! • Triple P esta disponible en español.

When Disaster Strikes

STORMS IN IOWA AND WILDFIRES IN THE WEST TAKE OVER AUGUST | BY TAYLOR PERSE



Though 2020 has been untraditional in many ways, Mother Nature isn't holding back, wreaking havoc and even causing unparalleled devastation, including wildfires and extreme storms in parts of the U.S..

Oregon is battling several wildfires at the moment caused by a heatwave, none of which are a threat to citizens yet, says Timothy Ingalsbee, executive director of Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics and Ecology (FUSEE). He adds that the status of fires changes daily, so it's difficult to keep up with them and give an overview.

"Many of these fires that are burning are not ecological disasters. They are in very remote country," he says. He adds that Gov. Kate Brown declared a state of emergency recently, which allows firefighters to access more funding in fighting the fires.

A handful of wildfires — including Beachie Creek, Mosier Creek and the Indian Creek fire — are all currently being fought by firefighters. The Indian Creek fire in

eastern Oregon near Vale is the largest right now, burning at 50,000 acres. Ingalsbee adds that though some campgrounds were evacuated, no homes have been.

But the issue in fighting these fires is that they are difficult to reach. In a press release by USDA and the U.S. Forest Service, Type Three Incident Commander Jonah Gladney said that there are no roads so firefighters have to hike in extremely rough terrain to access the fires.

Meanwhile, California is seeing wildfires like never before caused by lightning strikes. Lynette Round is an information officer with Cal Fire, California's department of forestry and fire protection, and she says that two of their fires make the top ten for the state's worst wildfires of all time.

"We haven't seen a fire siege quite like this. Back in 2008 was the last time we'd seen something of this nature," Round says. The fires have moved quickly through well populated areas, she says. Over 115,000 people have already been evacuated.

Halfway across the country, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and surrounding cities were hit by a severe hurricane-like

storm — called a derecho — that devastated the entire area. With hardly any warning, the storm pulled down power lines, flung trees into houses and ripped roofs off during its 45-minute run.

Cedar Rapids Mayor Brad Hart says based on meteorologist studies, the wind gusts ranged from 80-140 miles per hour, blowing as fast as a Category 4 hurricane. Over 135,000 citizens, essentially Cedar Rapids' entire population, lost power.

He says trees blocked roads and cell service was out for a few days. The entire community was forced to stew in the aftermath with no way to communicate or get anywhere.

"It's like science fiction. How could that happen to a modern city to have no power, no way to drive the streets and no cell service?" he says. Since the storm, Hart says that electric companies and the city have been slowly fixing the power and removing trees. Some people have come out to Iowa to volunteer their help in removing trees and limbs. But they still have a long way to go. ■

Don't Forget the Climate

DROUGHTS AND HOT TEMPERATURES AFFECT OREGON'S COMMUNITIES | BY CAMILLA MORTENSEN

One benefit of COVID-19 restrictions is, we learned we can make major life changes and still be OK. We are driving less, flying less and burning less fossil fuel.

Unfortunately, even a year of coronavirus reductions is not enough to stop global warming. Climate change is still here. And it's causing problems.

Prof. Erica Fleishman of the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute says we should be discussing the wildfires in Oregon and California. While the majority of them are human caused, recent summer storms and lightning strikes have been a factor, and those are unusual this time of year. Once the fires have ignited, she says, climate plays a role in the extent the fire is going to spread,

and how far and how hot it's going to burn.

Fires and their smoke affect air quality — something Lane County could face if a fire flares up nearby — and that's one way climate change can disproportionately affect health risks in marginalized groups, and become a social justice issue. Combine a fire with bad air quality and COVID-19 and you have people who cannot breathe.

Sen. Ron Wyden is a politician not a scientist, but like Fleishman, he says climate change is a racial and social justice issue — "Black and brown communities are hit disproportionately hard," he says. He points to the Green New Deal as a step to address both reducing carbon emissions and creating jobs.

Wyden is also concerned about what he calls "clean air refugees" and points out that while people who are

affluent can move away from bad air, those who are stuck in old housing and trailer parks can't do that.

Larry O'Neill, an Oregon State University professor like Fleishman, is the state climatologist. He says snow drought is when we have less snow falling in the winter or when there's enough snow but it melts too fast. Snow feeds rivers such as the McKenzie where Eugene gets its water supply.

In terms of summer drought, the Willamette Valley is in severe drought right now with low moisture in our soils, O'Neill says. One thing in our favor is that we didn't have a snow drought this year. But if we have a dry winter, next year could be a problem, and that affects agriculture, recreation and more.

There are things you can do. If you want to check Lane County's drought status, O'Neill recommends the U.S. Drought Monitor. And if you are experiencing the impacts of the drought and want to contribute to the science you can submit Drought Condition Observer Monitoring reports. These reports allow scientists to look at not just drought conditions but their impacts on those who live and work on the land.

Wyden says to stop climate change, concerned citizens can make calls, talk to elected officials and keep the issue from getting short shrift. "Political change doesn't start in Washington D.C. or Salem, and trickle down," he says. ■

Find the U.S. Drought Monitor at droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap.aspx and Observer Monitoring reports can be submitted anonymously at go.unl.edu/CMOR_drought.



You have just one more chance to visit Art in the Vineyard this summer, courtyard style. The annual July event at Alton Baker Park, a popular fundraiser for Maude Kerns Art Center, had to be put on the shelf this year because of COVID-19. So the art center redesigned the multi-day event and called it **Art in the Courtyard**. The third and final installment of Art in the Courtyard is Saturday, and it features a mini Artists’ Marketplace as well as a small Art For Your Garden area in the Center’s courtyard with paintings and crafts from 13 artists. The Center’s Members Gallery and gift shop also will be open. All proceeds from purchases go to Maude Kerns Art Center.

The third and final Art in the Courtyard is 11 am to 4 pm Saturday, Aug. 29, at Maude Kerns Art Center, 1910 E. 15th Avenue. \$5 suggested donation. Normal gallery hours at Maude Kerns are 10 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday and noon to 4 pm on Saturday when exhibits are on display. — *Dan Buckwalter*

GENERAL

LISTINGS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

ACTIVIST ALERT

Friday, Aug. 28: March in Solidarity with the ‘20 March in Washington, D.C., 5pm, Federal Courthouse, 405 E. 8th Ave.

Sunday, Aug. 30: Bake Sale for Eugene Bail Fund, 3pm, Monroe Park, Monroe St. & W. 10th Ave.

Thursday, Sept. 3: Know Your Rights for Black Lives Matter Activists, 3-5pm. More info at CLDC.org

ONLINE MEETINGS FOR 12-STEP PROGRAMS

Al-Anon Anonymous meetings can be found at AlaNon-Laneor.us.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings can be found at EviAaaweb.org.

Co-Dependents Anonymous meetings can be found at Coda.org.

Debtors Anonymous meetings can be found at OregonDebtorsAnonymous.org

Emotions Anonymous meetings can be found at EmotionsAnonymous.org.

Marijuana Anonymous meetings can be found at Marijuana-Anonymous.org.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings can be found at na.org.

Overeaters Anonymous meetings can be found at oa.org.

Recovery Dahrma meetings can be found at BuddhistRecoveryEugene.org.

Refuge Recovery meetings can be found at RefugeRecovery.org.

HEALTH

Zoom classes at YMCA.org.

Zoom workout classes at CrossFit. Email Contact@CrossFitIntensify.com for more info.

Workout classes at IAmForeverStrong.com.

Workout classes at Evolve Fitness Studios. More info at EvolveFitnessStudios Facebook page.

Yoga classes at EugeneYoga.us; WildLightYogaCenter.com; EugeneMudra.com; HotYogaEugeneBalanced.com; YogaEugene.com.

ONLINE ENTERTAINMENT

Oregon State Parks, Nature: Live in Your Family Room, OregonStateParks.org.

OMSI Live stream events. Short notice on these events. More info at OMSI Facebook page.

“Springfield Public Library - Where Minds Grow,” Springfield Public Library YouTube channel.

Online Escape Rooms w/ Eugene Public Library. Go to bit.ly/libraryescaper-

ooms or call 541-682-5450 for more info.

ONLINE EXHIBITS

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, JSMA.Uoregon.edu. Maude Kerns Art Center, MkCenter.org.

NON-ONLINE EXHIBITS

Emerald Art Center, 500 Main St, Springfield. More info at EmeraldArtCenter.org.

Karin Clarke Gallery, Eugene Biennial, Celebrating Exceptional Art in Our Region (thru Aug. 29).

Associates Show at River Gallery, Fridays & Saturdays, noon-4pm, Sept. 3 thru Oct. 3. 184 S. Main St, Independence.

Street Art -- Oaxaca, Mexico, through Sept. 1, PhotoZone Gallery, 22 W. 7th Ave.

The Innovative Eye: A Life's Work by Mike Van (thru Oct. 3), White Lotus Gallery, 767 Willamette St.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Classes and programs online w/ Museum of Natural & Cultural History (UO), MNCH.Uoregon.edu.

Opportunities at Extension. OregonState.edu. Oregon State University Extension Service.

ONLINE PERFORMANCE

FANS on Relix.com. Some streams FREE, others cost. More info at Relix.com.

ONLINE SPIRITUAL

Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, via Zoom. Meetings can be found at BlueCliffZen.org.

THURSDAY

AUGUST 27

HEALTH

NAMI Support Zoom Group at NAMILane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NAMI.Lane.org.

LIVE MUSIC

Hank Shreve & Skip Jones, 6pm, Mac’s Night Club & Restaurant.

Jesse Meade, 7pm, beer-garden.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Neighbor Leaders Council Committee on Housing & Homelessness, noon-1pm, Link at NLC Housing and Homelessness Committee Facebook page.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Calming Yoga via Zoom, noon-1pm. RSVP at Vista-Psych.com.

Spread Peace, online support group, noon-1pm. RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

Stay at Home Lecture Series w/ OSU College of Forestry, 3pm, Oregon-State.edu.

U.S. v. Steven Donziger (Donziger and CLDC’s Lauren Regan discuss the \$9.5 billion judgement in favor of Indigenous people in the Amazon against Chevron), 3-5pm. RSVP at CLDC.org.

ONLINE PERFORMANCE

Eugene Symphony Orchestra Quirky Thursdays, 5pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

ON THE AIR

“The Point,” 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

“Arts Journal,” 9pm, Comcast channel 29.

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

FRIDAY

AUGUST 28

LIVE & ONLINE MUSIC

Concrete Delta Trio, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards.

Anya Lecuyer & Friends ft. Gerry Rempel, 6:30pm, Mac’s Nightclub & Restaurant.

Friday Night Folk Music Live Stream, 7pm. More info at Kathryn Rose Celtic Folk Music Facebook page.

ONLINE KIDS/FAMILY

Oregon Zoo Live, activities developed by an award winning team aimed at K-5, 9:30am, OregonZoo.org.

Family Storytime Live w/ Rachael Perry, 11am, Eugene Public Library Facebook page.

ONLINE PERFORMANCE

Eugene Symphony Orchestra Epic Fridays, 5pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

“Virtual Cinema” w/ Broadway Metro. More info at BroadwayMetro.com.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 29

ART/CRAFT

Art in the Courtyard, 11am-4pm, Maude Kerns Art Ctr, 1910 E. 15th Ave.

FARMERS MARKETS

Lane County Farmers Market, 10am-3pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

Spencer Creek Growers Market, 10am-2 pm, Spencer Creek Grange, 86013 Lorane Hwy.

LIVE MUSIC

Drive-In Concert, 6pm. Applegate Regional Theatre. \$10 per car.

Geoffrey Mays, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards.

Jimmy Haggard Band, 6:30pm, The Woods Roadhouse.

The Jeanne Gregg Band, 6:30pm, Mac’s Night Club & Restaurant.

MARKETS

Eugene Saturday Market, 10am-5pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

Downtown Veneta Pop-Up Retail District!, 10am-2 pm, 3rd & Broadway, Veneta.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Virtual Open House via Zoom w/ Wellsprings Friends School, 1-2pm. More info at WellSpringsFriends.org.

ON THE AIR

The Dr. Yeti Show, 10pm-midnight, KOCF, 92.7FM or streamed at KOCF.org.

The Institute of Spectra Sonic Sound, 10pm-midnight, KEPW, 97.3 FM

SUNDAY

AUGUST 30

FARMERS MARKETS

Dexter Lake Farmers Market, noon-4pm, Rolling Rock Park, Lowell.

HEALTH

Occupy Medical, noon-4pm, 1717 Centennial Blvd, Springfield.

MARKETS

Whiteaker Community Market, 11am-4pm, Scobert Park, 4th Ave. & Blair Blvd.

ONLINE SPIRITUAL

Eugene Insight Meditation Community via Zoom, 6:30pm. More info at EugeneInsight.com.

MONDAY

AUGUST 31

HEALTH

Connection Peer Support Group at NAMILane.org. RSVP at NAMILane.org.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Granny Rocks, 6:30pm. RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Musical Mondays (music education videos), 10am, Eugene Symphony Orchestra Facebook page.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. FREE-\$5.

Monday Evening Meditation, 6-7:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. FREE-\$10.

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 1

FARMERS MARKETS

Tuesday Farmers Market, 10am-3pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave & Oak St.

LECTURES/CLASSES

New Zone Art Gallery Figure Drawing sessions, 6-9pm, New Zone Art Gallery, 22 W. 7th Ave.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. FREE-\$5.

Beginning Meditation, 6-7:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. FREE-\$10.

ONLINE & LIVE TRIVIA

Tuesdays with Ty (virtual trivia), 6pm, Hult Ctr. Facebook page.

Tuesday Night Trivia w/ Nic, 7:30pm, Rennie’s Landing, 1214 Kincaid St.

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 2

GATHERINGS

New Zone Art Gallery Drum Circle, 6pm, New Zone Art Gallery, 22 W. 7th Ave.

HEALTH

Connection Peer Support Group at NAMILane.org, 6pm. RSVP at NAMILane.org.

LIVE MUSIC

Jazz & Variety, 6pm, Mac’s Night Club & Restaurant.

MARKETS

Downtown Veneta Pop-Up Retail District!, 5-8pm, 3rd & Broadway, Veneta.

ONLINE FAMILY & KIDS

Little Notes Music Time, 9:30am, Suzuki Music School Facebook page.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Family Wednesdays w/ Eugene Symphony Orchestra, 5pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

Granny Rocks, 6:30pm. RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. FREE-\$5.

Ideas on Tap: White Supremacy and Fallen Monuments (hosted by MNCH), 6-7pm. More info at the Museum of

Natural and Cultural History Facebook page.

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 3

ART/CRAFT

Associates Show at River Gallery - September 2020, 12 am -11:59 pm, River Gallery, 184 S. Main Street - Independence, OR. n/c.

Window/Focus Show at River Gallery - September 2020, 12 am -11:59 pm, River Gallery, 184 S. Main Street - Independence, OR. n/c.

HEALTH

NAMI Support Zoom Group at NAMILane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NAMI.Lane.org.

LIVE MUSIC

Outlaw Shine, acoustic, 3-7pm, beergarden.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Citizen’s Climate Lobby — Lane County Chapter meeting, 5:30pm, Link at LaneCounty.or@Citizen’sClimateLobby.org.

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Stay at Home Lecture Series w/ OSU College of Forestry, 3pm, Oregon-State.edu.

ON THE AIR

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A Life's Work

EUGENE'S MIKE VAN HAS BEEN MAKING AND SHOWING ART FOR HALF A CENTURY

By Ester Barkai



BEACH-GEOMETRY

Eugene artist Mike Van doesn't want to call his new exhibition at White Lotus a "retrospective," even though the title of the show refers to "A Life's Work."

He's still working, he says, and he points out there are some recent pieces in the exhibit. He's also not one to give off airs. He says some people have called his drawings "surreal," but he just draws what's around: trees, birds, water.

The Innovative Eye: A Life's Work by Mike Van is at White Lotus Gallery through Oct. 3.

"As for how people can visit the show, we're kind of in a gray area," gallery manager Jen Huang says. The front door has been open since July, but the gallery still keeps a "by appointment" sign on it to help monitor social distancing.

In place of the traditional art opening, the artist and his daughter Kim Still, who curated his work for the show, are to create a talk and gallery tour that will be available for viewing online.

How did they select the art for this show? After all, Van's been making art for a long time. He says he held up a work and his daughter, who studied art history and

was the Saturday Market manager for years, told him, "That goes, this doesn't."

Talking to Van you get the idea the use of the word "innovative" in the show's title relates to his habit of working off the top of his head. A pencil drawing from 2011 selected for the show titled "Tiara" illustrates this tendency perfectly: The drawing is of a woman who has a tree growing out the top of her head with birds on the branches.

His ocean watercolors done in the studio, mostly without source material, are strong. "Beach Geometry" is a 6-by-10-inch watercolor that flows but also depicts the hard lines and contrast of dark shadows you see on the sand in full sunlight.

He always sketches when he goes to the ocean. Drawing driftwood, rocks and sand, he also likes the wide open beach as a place in which to place figures. In the black and white "Beach Drift with Figures," done in sumi ink and watercolor, large pieces of wood come up out of the ocean, dwarfing the figures in their boats.

Van has been spending time at the Oregon coast since he was first married to his wife, Maron, when they rented a house north of Newport that had a path to the water. His first show, in 1960, was at the Yaquina Art Center in

Newport. In Eugene he has exhibited at Maude Kerns Art Center for five decades. And he's been showing art in group shows at White Lotus Gallery since 2006.

He says when he got his B.A. degree from the University of Idaho in 1953 there were basically two things a person could do after graduating with an art degree: teach or become a graphic artist. Van's degree was in education and art. He then came west and earned his MFA in drawing and painting from the University of Oregon in 1957. For the first four years of his professional life he taught K-12 and then he worked roughly 30 years as a high school art teacher at South Eugene High School.

I asked if he had to choose — which he totally doesn't — would he identify himself as an artist or a teacher? He said probably as an artist first, but the two have overlapped. And though he hasn't taught in a long while — he retired from teaching in 1988 — he continues to paint.

Getting up in the morning, he thinks, "What am I going to do today?" Probably going to pick up a pencil, he says, even though sometimes he should be doing yard work. ■

The Innovative Eye: A Life's Work by Mike Van is at White Lotus Gallery, 767 Willamette St., through Oct. 3. Viewing is by appointment; call or email 541-345-3276 or Lin@wlotus.com.

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YOUTUBE ANTHOLOGY SERIES
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FILMMAKERS

By Will Kennedy

A young woman in the midst of major life transition visits Eugene only to be transported to a mystical fairytale land. While that sounds not far off from the experience of many visiting Eugene for the first time, it's actually the plot of *Feathers*, a short fantasy film written and directed by local musician Megan Johns.

The film is now in production at numerous locations around Eugene, and will be part of *Scene in Eugene*, an anthology of short films produced by local filmmaker Rick Gates' production company, Tendrile Productions. Each movie is set in or inspired by Eugene, and the series is expected to premiere on YouTube in early October.

Johns tells me in an email she got involved in the *Scene in Eugene* project through the Lane County Filmmakers Facebook group, where she met Gates and other members of a vibrant filmmaking community she didn't even know existed here.

"I'm deeply grateful to have stumbled into this beautiful, growing community of creatives," she says.

The idea for *Scene in Eugene* had been rolling around in Gates' head for some time. "I love this town, and it's unique in a lot of ways," he tells me over the phone. Outside of *Animal House* and a few track and field movies, there aren't a lot of films set in or specifically done about Eugene.

Gates thought, "Why don't I start putting together short films about Eugene across a broad range of genres?" It would be a series, because the stories had to be told from multiple perspectives. "Eugene is very multi-faceted," Gates says.

The first installment, called *Live Free or Die*, is written and directed by Chelsea Real. The film is about two East Coast brothers, one who lives in Eugene and has integrated into the local counterculture. The other brother, who is more straitlaced, comes to Eugene to see his sibling and visit the University of Oregon.

Like many of the films in the series, *Live Free or Die* was shot at several locations around town, including the 5th Street location of Brail's Restaurant and the WOW Hall.

Although several productions were underway before the pandemic, once COVID-19 hit, the cast and crew of each production scrambled to adapt.

"We're fully masked on all our sets, except when the actors take theirs off and act," Gates continues. In addition to production logistics, these limitations also affect the performances. "How do you show people in a

more intimate situation, relating to each other, when they can't even get close to each other?" he asks.

Sometimes the solution is to adjust the camera angle, while sometimes it comes down to the right combination of actors, "like maybe a couple people that domicile together," Gates explains.

"It's experimental filmmaking," Gates says. "We're really trying to see what we can get away with and what we can do."

On account of the pandemic, Johns rewrote *Feathers* multiple times, she says, "largely so that it could be filmed entirely outside" with hefty safety-first protocols within state and CDC guidelines and regulations. They include limiting on-set cast and crew to 10 or fewer, social distancing, masks for all off camera crew and staggered call times.

Feathers is partially based on Johns' real-life experience with carbon monoxide poisoning. Although Johns has been involved in music video production over the years, as well as a few other short film and animation projects, she's never attempted anything as ambitious as the movie.

As of mid-August, six episodes in the *Scene in Eugene* series were complete, with several more in various other stages of production. Cast and crew on each set are different, and they're all volunteers. The short films are shot and edited digitally.

After the series premiere in early October, Gates says to expect two installments each month until the series is complete. He's quick to point out that these productions are just a few of the many underway in Lane County's growing film scene. ■

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Jonesin' Crossword

BY MATT JONES
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Across

- 1 Like blue material
- 5 More up to the task
- 10 Curtain holder
- 13 Cookie with a Thin Crisps variety
- 14 Really bad invitation turnout
- 15 "H to the ___ ..." (Jay-Z lyric)
- 16 Farm structure
- 17 Destines to destruction
- 18 Deride loudly
- 19 Set of which all seven elements are fittingly hidden in the grid
- 22 Org. taken over by Mahmoud Abbas in November 2004
- 23 Those, in Toledo
- 24 Campus activist gp. of the 1960s
- 27 Problem for a valet
- 31 Popular place to hang out

- 33 Base x height / 2, for a triangle
- 34 Bread served with vindaloo
- 36 He said "Say hello to my little friend!"
- 37 Heavy president and family
- 39 Court figure
- 41 Drill bit, usually
- 42 Mean
- 44 Big galoot
- 46 Namer of Einstein as Person of the Century
- 47 She played Ferris Bueller's girlfriend
- 49 One who gives up too easily
- 51 It may be hard to follow
- 52 Own (up)
- 54 Get to the poi?
- 55 What you should hear in the background as you're solving/playing

- 60 Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 63 Kirsten of "Wimbledon"
- 64 Word after guard or third
- 65 Gore, as distinguished from his father
- 66 Clear a videotape
- 67 Mixture
- 68 Rule opposed by Gandhi
- 69 German dissents
- 70 Word repeated in an NPR game show title

Down

- 1 Dominic Monaghan TV show
- 2 Buffalo's lake
- 3 Whipping reminder
- 4 They may show actors' or doctors' names
- 5 Et cetera
- 6 Betty of cartoons
- 7 King of Katzenstein, in a Dr. Seuss story
- 8 Fit together

"Mental Blocks"

-- The answers will fall in line.

[#177, Nov. 2004]

- 9 Fix a botched job at Baskin-Robbins, e.g.
- 10 Wu-Tang member aka Bobby Digital
- 11 ___ fest (Osbourne-hosted tour)
- 12 Egg carton amt.
- 15 1040 org.
- 20 Under the weather
- 21 Abbr. on a cornerstone
- 24 Pep rally intangible
- 25 "She ___ Wrong"
- 26 Closet organizer, maybe
- 27 Daughter of Muhammad
- 28 Pertaining to a radioactive element
- 29 ___ the altar
- 30 Roofing goo
- 32 Lawyer/novelist who wrote "Presumed Innocent"
- 35 Keanu, in "The Matrix"
- 38 Screw-up
- 40 Web page for newbies
- 43 The ___ Dolls (cabaret/punk band)
- 45 Former MTV personality Daisy
- 48 Guarantee
- 50 "Who's ready?" response
- 53 Cedars-___ (L.A. hospital)
- 55 ___ Nabisco (bygone corporation)
- 56 Part of AMA
- 57 Room in a Spanish house
- 58 4, on some clocks
- 59 Form a scab
- 60 Belly laugh sound
- 61 Pie ___ mode
- 62 Monogram of Peter Parker's publisher boss, in "Spider-Man"

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S

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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Aries author Kareem Abdul-Jabbar writes, "Some stuff can be fixed, some stuff can't be. Deciding which is which is part of maturing." I offer this meditation as your assignment in the coming weeks, Aries. You are in a phase when you'll be wise to make various corrections and adjustments. But you should keep in mind that you don't have unlimited time and energy to do so. And that's OK, because some glitches can't be repaired and others aren't fully worthy of your passionate intensity. You really should choose to focus on the few specific acts of mending and healing that will serve you best in the long run.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): "There are all kinds of love in the world, but never the same love twice," wrote author F. Scott Fitzgerald. This is true even between the same two people in an intimate alliance with each other. The love that you and your spouse or friend or close relative or collaborator exchanged a month ago isn't the same as it is now. It *can't* be identical, because then it wouldn't be vibrant, robust love, which needs to ceaselessly transform in order to be vibrant and robust. This is always true, of course, but will be an especially potent meditation for you during the next four weeks.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): As a professional writer, novelist Thomas Wolfe trained himself to have keen perceptions that enabled him to penetrate below surface appearances. And yet he wrote, "I have to see a thing a thousand times before I see it once." In other words, it was hard even for him, a highly trained observer, to get a deep and accurate read of what was going on. It required a long time and many attempts — and rarely occurred for him on the first look. Even if you're not a writer, Gemini, I recommend his approach for you in the coming weeks. You will attune yourself to current cosmic rhythms — and thus be more likely to receive their full help and blessings — if you deepen and refine the way you use your senses.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): It's sometimes tempting for you to seek stability and safety by remaining just the way you are. When life pushes you to jump in and enjoy its wild ride, you may imagine it's wise to refrain — to retreat to your sanctuary and cultivate the strength that comes from being staunch and steadfast and solid. Sometimes that approach does indeed work for you. I'm not implying it's wrong or bad. But in the coming weeks, I think your strategy should be different. The advice I'll offer you comes from Cancerian author and aviator Anne Morrow Lindbergh: "Only in growth, reform and change, paradoxically enough, is true security to be found."

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): "To be successful, the first thing to do is fall in love with your work," says author Sister Mary Lauretta. Have you been making progress in accomplishing that goal, Leo? According to my astrological analysis, fate has been offering and will continue to offer you the chance to either find work that you'll love better than the work you're doing, or else discover how to feel more love and excitement for your existing work. Why not intensify your efforts to cooperate with fate?

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): "Self-love is also remembering to let others love you. Come out of hiding," Poet Irisa Yardenah wrote that advice, and now I'm passing it on to you, just in time for a phase when you will benefit from it most. I mean, it's always good counsel for you Virgos to heed. But it will be especially crucial in the coming weeks, when you'll have extra potential to bloom in response to love. And one of the best ways to ensure this extra potential is fulfilled is to make yourself thoroughly available to be appreciated, understood, and cared for.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): Libran poet Wallace Stevens wrote that if you want to be original, you must "have the courage to be an amateur." I agree! And that's an important theme for you right now, since you're entering a phase when your original ideas will be crucial to your growth. So listen up, Libra: If you want to stimulate your creativity to the max, adopt the fresh-eyed attitude of a rookie or a novice. Forget what you think you know about everything. Make yourself as innocently curious and eager as possible. Your imaginative insights and innovations will flow in abundance to the degree that you free yourself from the obligation to be serious and sober and professional. And keep in mind that Stevens said you need courage to act this way.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): "As idiotic as optimism can sometimes seem, it has a weird habit of paying off," writes author Michael Lewis. According to my analysis, the coming weeks will provide you with ample evidence that proves his hypothesis — on one condition, that is: You will have to cultivate and express a *thoughtful* kind of optimism. Is that possible? Do you have the audacity to maintain intelligent buoyancy and discerning positivity, even in the face of those who might try to gaslight you into feeling stupid for being buoyant and positive? I think you do.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): Author Rebecca Solnit writes, "The things we want are transformative, and we don't know or only think we know what is on the other side of that transformation." Her statement is especially apropos for you right now. The experiences you're yearning for will indeed change you significantly if you get them — even though those changes will be different from what your conscious mind thinks they'll be. But don't worry. Your higher self — the eternal part of you that knows just what you need — is fully aware of the beneficial transformations that will come your way when you get what you yearn for.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): At age 22, future pioneer of science Isaac Newton got his college degree just as the Great Plague peaked in 1665. As a safety precaution, he proceeded to quarantine himself for many months. During that time of being sealed away, he made spectacular discoveries about optics, gravity and calculus — in dramatic contrast to his years as a student, when his work had been relatively undistinguished. I'm not predicting that your experience of the 2020 pandemic will prove to be as fruitful as those of your fellow Capricorn, Isaac Newton. But of all the signs in the zodiac, I do think your output could be most Newton-like. And the coming weeks will be a good time for you to redouble your efforts to generate redemption amidst the chaos.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): The rapper named Viper has released more than 1,000 albums. In 2014 alone, he created 347. His most popular work is *You'll Cowards Don't Even Smoke Crack*, which has received over three million views on Youtube. According to *The Chicago Reader** one of Viper's most appealing features is his "blatant disregard for grammar." I should also mention that he regards himself as the second Christ, and uses the nickname "Black Jesus." So what does any of this have to do with you? Well, I'm recommending that you be as prolific, in your own field, as he is in his. I'm also inviting you to experiment with having a fun-loving disregard for grammar and other non-critical rules. And I would love to see you temporarily adopt some of his over-the-top braggadocio.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): "If you don't ask the right question, every answer seems wrong," says singer-songwriter Ani DiFranco. I suspect you may have experienced a version of that predicament in recent weeks, Pisces. That's the bad news. The good news is that I expect you will finally formulate the right questions very soon. They will most likely be quite different from the wrong and irrelevant questions you've been posing. In fact, the best way to find the revelatory questions will be to renounce and dismiss all the questions you have been asking up until now.

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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: Paul Dean Haake, Deceased. Case No.: 20-PB-05822 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lane has appointed the undersigned as Personal Representative of the Estate of PAUL DEAN HAAKE, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative at Lynch Conger LLP, 1000 SW Disk Drive, Bend, OR 97702, within four months from the date of first publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: September __, 2020. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Mark S. Haake 4911 82nd Place NE Marysville, WA 98270 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Lori K. Murphy, OSB #990700 Lynch Conger LLP 1000 SW Disk Drive Bend, OR 97702 Published: August 27th, September 3rd, September 10th, 2020.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Deanna R. Kuhn has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Ronald Henry Kuhn, deceased, in Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 20PB05564. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below to the personal representative c/o Tami S.P. Beach, 1184 Olive Street, Eugene, OR 97401, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Date of first publication: 08/27/20

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Deanna R. Kuhn 27127 Briggs Hill Rd. Eugene, OR 97405 ATTORNEY FOR PERS. REP: Tami S.P. Beach 1184 Olive Street Eugene, OR 97401

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS ESTATE OF JOHN KENNETH WASHBURN JR. LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 20PB05577 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative Viola W. Washburn, c/o Janice L. Mackey, Hutchinson Cox, PO Box 10886, Eugene, Oregon 97440. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the Personal Representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative, named above. Dated and first published 08/20/20

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Claims against the Estate of Stephen Bedwell, Deceased, Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 20PB05455, are required to be presented to the Personal Representative, Sharon Dove, at 180 E. 11th Ave., Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four (4) months from 08/27/20, the date of first publication of this notice, or such claims may be barred. Any person whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. GAYDOS, CHURNSIDE & BALTHROP, P.C., Attorneys for Personal Representative

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Donna Neideigh has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Gaylord Raymond Jensen by the Lane County Circuit Court in Case No. 19PB09306. All persons with claims against the estate must present them to the personal representative in care of her attorney within four months from the date of first publication, or they may be barred. Additional information may be obtained from the records of the court, the personal representative or her attorney. First published: 08/20/20 Donna Neideigh, Personal Representative c/o Sylvia Sycamore, OSB #001150 Sylvia Sycamore, P.C. 132 E. Broadway, Suite 410 Eugene, OR 97401

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY - PROBATE DEPARTMENT Case No. 20PB00271 In the matter of the Estate of Ronald Scott Chase Decedent, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Melissa Kate Wells has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the aforementioned personal representative c/o Northwest Legal, Attn: Jinoo Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons

whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or attorney for the personal representative, Northwest Legal, Attn: Jinoo Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS: Probate proceedings in the Estate of Barbaranne Church Ingram, Deceased, are now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, Case No. 20PB05329, and Justin G. Arel has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the Personal Representative, c/o Gleaves Swearingen LLP, Attorneys at Law, 975 Oak Street, Suite 800, Eugene, OR 97401, within 4 months from the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims may be barred. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to all persons whose rights may be affected by the above entitled proceedings that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 20th day of August, 2020.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS ESTATE OF MARILEE CONLEY LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 20 PB 03624 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RYAN MITCHELL SMITH has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the personal representative, c/o Mark M. Williams, Attorney at Law, 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, OR 97401-2459. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the Personal Representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court or the Personal Representative, named above. Dated and first published 08/13/20. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: RYAN MITCHELL SMITH, 306 Pegram St., Holland, TX 76536 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Mark M. Williams, OSB#821404, 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene OR 97401-2459, (541) 393-6720, mark@williams-pc.com

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REGISTERED ASSUMED NAME State of Oregon, Lane County Notice is now hereby given that Patrick Butler, living at C/o 450 Hwy. 99 north eugene, Oregon [97402] , is the Executor/ Beneficiary/Minnesota Name Holder of the business now being carried out at 450 HWY. 99 NORTH EUGENE, OREGON 97402 in the following assumed name, to wit PATRICK MICHAEL BUTLER; and the nature of Business is Commerce.

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SAVAGE LOVE

Tall Order
BY DAN SAVAGE



I'm a cis male in my late twenties. I've recently become consumed by a specific fantasy I fear is unattainable, a fear that has been made worse by several failed attempts to research it. A little background: except for a couple dates and make-out sessions with other men, my sex life has always been exclusively with women. I've had male crushes and often thought I might be bi or pan, despite never masturbating to thoughts of men or gay porn. Don't worry, Dan: I'm not going to ask if I'm gay. I promise. In general, I've led a privileged sex life. I've never been broken up with and it's rare for me to experience any form of rejection. But in early 2020, my libido vanished. I stopped masturbating and only orgasmed once or twice a month when my now ex-girlfriend would insist that we have sex. But then a couple of weeks ago I began imagining being one half of a loving gay couple that replaced all MM penetrative sex with MMF sex. My sex life with my male partner would revolve around the two of us going out and finding submissive women for kinky threesomes. Since then, I've been masturbating to this fantasy daily and I'm excited at the possibility of finding a new lifestyle that brings me a lot of joy. However, I've grown concerned that nothing else seems to turn me on at all. Equally as concerning, even minor adjustments to this fantasy ruins the whole thing. And to fulfill it I'd need a man who's at least all of the following:

1. Sensitive, giving, easy-going and an all-around good guy.
2. Very physically attractive.
3. Into cuddling and general affection, some make-out sessions, and occasional hand jobs and blow jobs — but absolutely no penetrative sex or anal play.
4. Into picking up submissive women for MMF threesomes.
5. Into penetrative sex with said women.
6. Into using roleplay and D/s to take out our kinks on said women.
7. Into giving me the more dominant role.

Now for my questions: Does anyone like this actually exist? Is there a name for the fetish I'm describing? Does it have a community? Is it similar to any more accessible fetishes out there? Does my loss of libido and this specific fantasy say something about me that I'm too close to see? — Can Anyone Tell Me Anything Now

First and most importantly, CATMAN, kinks aren't things you “take out” on other people. They're things you share and enjoy with other people. Perhaps that “take out on” was a slip of the tongue or a little premature dirty talk; lots of people into D/s get off on talking about their kinks — BB or TT or CBT — as if they're things a sadistic Dom gets off on doing to a helpless sub. That's the fantasy, CATMAN, but in reality, the Dom and sub discuss their desires in advance, identify areas of overlap, and set limits. (Not just bottoms; tops have limits too.) However brutal things may look to someone who wasn't a part of those negotiations, however degrading things might sound, kink play is consensual and mutually pleasurable — and if it's not consensual and mutually pleasurable, CATMAN, then it's not kink play. It's sexual assault.

Again, maybe it was a slip of the tongue and I'm being a dick; you did mention a desire to find submissive women, CATMAN, which most likely means you were planning to seek out women who wanna be “used and abused” by two hot bi guys in love. And you're in luck: there are definitely women out there who would be into this scenario — some readers probably went all WAP reading your question — but you're unlikely to meet those women on a night out. Meaning, you shouldn't be thinking about casually picking women up, CATMAN, but rather cultivating connections online or at kink events with submissive women who would get into subbing for you and your imaginary boyfriend.

Finding a guy who meets your long list of particulars is a taller order. It frankly doesn't sound like you're looking for a partner, i.e. someone whose needs you want to meet, but rather a guy you can plug into your masturbatory fantasies. He's gotta be bi but not into butt stuff, a good guy, a hot guy, a sub where you're concerned and a Dom where women are concerned... and any deviation from that long list not only disqualifies him from consideration for your life partner-in-crime, making each and every item on that long list a deal breaker.

Relationships require compromise, CATMAN, no one gets everything they want, and a long list of deal breakers makes for even longer odds. If you can't budge on any of the items on your list... well, then you might wanna think about getting yourself a sex doll or two. You also might wanna give some thought not just to your long and rigid list of deal breakers, but to why that list is so long and rigid that you're unlikely — as you suspect — to ever find someone.

Zooming out...

You say your libido tanked in early 2020, CATMAN, and studies show you're not alone. The twin pandemics — the COVID-19 pandemic and the stupidity pandemic — have tanked a lot of people's libidos. So, if this fantasy is working for you right now, I think you should lean into it. It may be a tall order, it may be so unrealistic as to be unachievable, but indulging in this very specific fantasy has cracked your libido open and continuing to beat off about this fantasy might blow your libido wide open.

I don't like to pathologize people's kinks or attach meaning to what are usually arbitrary, random and inexplicable sexual interests. But the taller the order, the less likely it can be filled, CATMAN, and it's possible you may not want it filled at all — at least subconsciously, at least right now. Sometimes when sex is scary we obsess about fantasies that are impossible to realize or partners who're impossible to find because it allows us to avoid partnered sex. I know at the height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic I was obsessed with a guy I couldn't have because it got me off the hook. My list of deal breakers at that time was ironically pretty short: He had to be Tommy. If he wasn't Tommy, I wasn't interested. Tommy was amazing — totally obsession-worthy — and I did love him. But I know now that I threw myself into my obsession with Tommy to protect myself from a terrifying epidemic.

Maybe you're doing something similar, CATMAN. But if I'm wrong — if this is what you want — there are cities out there with kink communities large enough for two partnered bi guys to find a steady stream of submissive women who wanna sub for them. But your list of deal breakers is going to have to shrink if you ever hope to find a guy who's close to what you want. And that's all any of us ever gets, CATMAN. Something close.

I'm a 39-year-old gay man living in Chicago. Recently a good friend of mine got engaged to a wonderful man from Gambia in West Africa. She's planning a ceremony there next summer and has invited me to attend. After doing a little research I found out that being LGBT is a crime in that country and the punishment is execution. Should I go to the wedding and stay in the closet the whole time? In general, what do you think about gays traveling to countries that murder our LGBT brothers and sisters? — Intensely Nervous Venturing Into This Event

I wouldn't go, INVITE, and if I were a straight girl, I wouldn't expect my gay friends to risk their lives in order to attend my wedding. While a quick search didn't bring up news about any gay westerners being executed in Gambia in recent history, gay tourists have been arrested, imprisoned and fined. So instead of attending your friend's wedding next summer — which may not even happen, due to the pandemic — make a donation in her name to Initiative Sankofa D'Afrique de l'Ouest (www.ISDAO.org), an organization working to improve the lives and legal position of LGBT people in Gambia and other West African nations.

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